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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle suspension system comprising:

a stabilizer bar for a vehicle wheel;

at least one bushing positioned about said stabilizer bar including at least one passive structure, said at least one passive structure for interacting with said stabilizer bar to vary a level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar; and

said at least one passive structure having an outer layer of material positioned outwardly of an inner layer of material, said outer layer of material being substantially harder than said inner layer of material, said stabilizer bar for pressing into said outer layer of material as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.
- 2-9 (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein a mounting bracket is positioned over said at least one bushing ~~to secure~~for securing said stabilizer bar to a vehicle frame.

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11. (Original) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one bushing is made of rubber.

12. (Currently Amended) The vehicle suspension system as recited in claim 1 wherein said at least one passive structure extends along a length of said at least one bushing.

13. (Currently Amended) A vehicle suspension system comprising:

a stabilizer bar connected to a vehicle wheel;

a vehicle frame;

at least one bushing made of rubber positioned about said stabilizer bar including at least one passive structure, said at least one passive structure extending along a length of said at least one bushing and for interacting with said stabilizer bar to vary a level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar, said stabilizer bar secured to said vehicle frame by a mounting bracket positioned over said at least one bushing; and

said at least one passive structure having an outer layer of material positioned outwardly of an inner layer of material, said outer layer of material being substantially harder than said inner layer of material, said stabilizer bar for pressing into said outer layer of material as said stabilizer bar twists to increase said level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar.

14-18. (Cancelled)

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19. (Currently Amended) A vehicle stabilizer bar assembly comprising:

a stabilizer bar for a vehicle, said stabilizer bar extending along an axis; and

at least one bushing positioned about said stabilizer bar including at least one passive structure, said at least one passive structure for interacting with said stabilizer bar to vary a level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar by axially twisting of said at least one passive structure relative to said stabilizer bar wherein said at least one passive structure has an inner layer of material and an outer layer of material, said inner layer of material being softer than said outer layer of material to increase the level of stiffness of said stabilizer bar as said at least one passive structure axially twists.

20-21. (Cancelled)